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National Security Study Memorandum 39

TO: The Secretary of State  
The Secretary of Defense  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT: Southern Africa

The President has directed a comprehensive review of U.S. policy toward Southern Africa (south of Congo (K) and Tanzania).

The study should consider (1) the background and future prospects of major problems in the area; (2) alternative views of the U.S. interest in Southern Africa; and (3) the full range of basic strategies and policy options open to the United States.

The review of interests and policy options should encompass the area as a whole -- including Southern Rhodesia, South Africa, the Portuguese territories, and adjacent African states.

The President has directed that the NSC Interdepartmental Group for Africa perform this study.

The study should be forwarded to the NSC Review Group by April 25th.

  
Henry A. Kissinger

cc: Secretary of the Treasury  
Secretary of Commerce  
Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff  
Administrator, AID  
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